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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed
- ☐ a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
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2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):*

- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1 - 6 _____ as originally filed/furnished
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- ☒ the claims:
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- ☐ the description, pages _____
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- ☐ the description, pages _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-7</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-7</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-7</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US 5 213 338 A
D2: WO 01 07 128 A1

The document D1 is regarded as being the closest prior art to the subject-matter of claim 1, and shows a game for two players rotating a disc by changing their respective brain wave intensity.

The game described in claim 1 differs from what is known through D1 in that the players are rolling a magnetic ball in different directions by changing their brain wave frequency. A frequency close to 3 Hz and lower than that of the opponent moves the ball in the x-direction. A frequency of about 18 Hz and higher than that of the opponent moves the ball in the y-direction. The subject-matter of claim 1 is therefore novel (Article 33(2) PCT).

The problem to be solved by the present invention may be regarded as constructing a game where a ball is rolled in different directions depending on the brain wave frequency of the players. Neither D1, D2 nor a combination of the two, give any information which would lead a person skilled in the art in the direction of the solution proposed in claim 1. The solution to the above stated problem proposed by claim 1 is therefore considered to involve an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT).

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Claims 2-7 are dependent on claim 1 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.

All claims are considered to involve an inventive step.

AMENDED CLAIMS

1. A method of playing a game, comprising:
providing a first player (44) with a sensor (30) and a second player (46) with a sensor (32) for measuring brain wave frequencies of the players (44, 46);
the first player (44) rolling a magnetic ball (38) on top of a playing area (12) in an x-direction toward the second player (46) when the brain wave frequency of the first player (44) is being between 3-12 Hz and the brain wave frequency of the first player (44) is being below a brain wave frequency of the second player (46), the first player (44) increasing a velocity of the magnetic ball by lowering the brain wave frequency towards 3 Hz; and
the first player (44) rolling the ball (38) in a y-direction perpendicular to the x-direction when the brain wave frequency of the first player (44) is at least 18Hz and the brain wave frequency of the first player is greater than the brain wave frequency of the second player.
2. The method according to claim 1 wherein the method further comprises floating the unit (38) a constant distance (D) over the playing area (12).
3. The method according to claim 1 wherein the method further comprises measuring theta wave, alpha wave and beta wave frequencies of the brains of the players (44, 46).
4. The method according to claim 1 wherein the method further comprises the player (44) navigating the unit (38) through a labyrinth (23) by moving the unit (38) in both the x-direction and the y-direction.
5. The method according to claim 1 wherein the method further comprises the player (44) moving the unit (38) in the x-direction by lowering the brain wave frequency (40) to a value that is lower than a value of a brain wave frequency (42) while the player (46) simultaneously moves the unit (38) in the y-direction

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when the brain wave frequency (42) exceeds 18 Hz.

6. The method according to claim 1 wherein the method further comprises the player (44) winning the game by moving the unit (38) to a segment (20) adjacent to the player (46).

7. The method according to claim 1 wherein the method further comprises the player (46) losing the game by moving the unit (38) over an edge (27, 29) in the y-direction.

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